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GRS AWARDS 2021

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Excellence in Graduate Research: 2 awards

Effects of solvent cluster size on the conformational landscape and decarboxylation of malonate

Angel Tamez

Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences || Chemistry and Biochemistry

Faculty Advisor: Jeffrey Evanseck Ph.D.

An Analysis of Extraction Efficiencies of Various Swabs on Sperm Recovery

Lindsey Company

Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences || Forensic Science and Law

Faculty Advisor: Pamela Marshall Ph.D

Center for African Studies

Award for Graduate Student Research in African Studies

Exploration of the cultural beliefs, values and practices of African American women regarding postpartum depression:

A mini-focused ethnography

Stephanie Jacobs

School of Nursing || Graduate School of Nursing

Faculty Advisor: Rick Zoucha PhD, PMHCNS-BC, CTN-A, FAAN

Award for Graduate Student Research in Global Studies

Unpacking the Academic Interventions for Improving the Academic Skills of Black Girls with Disabilities: A Scoping Review

Olajumoke Oshokoya

School of Education || Counseling, Psychology, & Special Education

Faculty Advisor: Temple Lovelace PhD, BCBA-D

Additional Authors: Cliff Oliech, JoVonne Tabb & Mary Comis

Center for Community-Engaged Teaching & Research

CETR Award for Graduate Research

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Center for Catholic Faith & Culture

Common Good Research Award

Catholic Terminal Sedation: A New Framework for Providing Terminal Palliative Sedation as a Requirement in Catholic Healthcare Organizations

Noah Dimas

McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || Center for Global Health Ethics

Faculty Advisor: Gerard Magill Ph.D.

Center for Global Health Ethics

Award for Graduate Research in Ethics

"Webside" Manner? Fostering Trust and Communication in the (Virtual) Patient-Healthcare Professional Relationship

Lukas Chandler

McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || Center for Global Health Ethics

Award for Graduate Research in Ethics

Seeking Moral Equality within Professional Hierarchies: An Ethical Analysis of Interprofessional Conflict in the Healthcare Environment

Anna Meurer

McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || Center for Global Health Ethics

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Center for Women's and Gender Studies

Award for graduate student research in Women's and Gender studies

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Award for Graduate Student Research in Women's and Gender studies

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Gumberg Library

Gumberg Library Award for Graduate Research

Antipsychotic Medication (APM) Use in Long-Term Care Facilities (LCTFs): An Integrative Literature Review (IR)

Karen Robson

School of Nursing || School of Nursing

Faculty Advisor: Linda Garand PhD, GCNS-BC

Honorable Mention

Using Video-Based Interventions to Support Soft Skills Acquisition for Enhancing Employment Opportunities for Individuals With Autism, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Cliff Oliech

School of Education || special education
Faculty Advisor: Bridget Green Ph.D
Additional Author: Olajumoke Oshokoya

Oral History Initiative Award

The Wife of a Pittsburgher: A Story Forged in Iron and Steel

Cassidee Knott
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || History
Faculty Advisor: Jennifer Taylor Dr

History Department

Clio Awards for Graduate Research

First Place:

Erasing Renewal or Renewing Erasure? A Community Profile of East Liberty

Aubrey Parke
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || History
Faculty Advisor: Andrew Simpson Ph.D.

Second Place:

Building a New City: New Castle, Pa

Bethany Funk
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || History Department
Faculty Advisor: Andrew Simpson Ph.D.

Third Place:

Something Old into Something New: A History of Greensburg, PA

Samantha Stossel
McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts || Department of History
Faculty Advisor: Andrew Simpson Ph.D.

McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts

Outstanding Poster or Presentation

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School of Nursing

Award for Graduate Research

Investigating Diabetes Distress, Self-Care and Personal Health Record Use

Khaliah Fisher-Grace
School of Nursing || Nursing
Faculty Advisor: Melanie Turk PhD

Office of the Provost

Provost's Award for Outstanding Scholarship: 3 awards

Decreased provisioning of aquatic arthropod prey impacts the early development of migratory songbirds

Brandon Hoenig

Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences || Biological Sciences

Faculty Advisor: Brady Porter Ph.D.

Examining the Assessment Procedures for ACE's Screening

Jeremy Armann M.S.Ed.

School of Education || School Psychology

Faculty Advisor: Tammy Hughes Ph.D.

Additional Authors: Mary Comis M.S.Ed., Zachary Friedman M.S.Ed., Alexandra Leopold M.S.Ed.,

Perceptions and Knowledge of Special Education Law: A Pilot Study

Taylor Steeves

School of Education || Department of Counseling, Psychology, and Special Education

Faculty Advisor: Laura Crothers, Ph.D

Additional Authors: Dr. Bridget Green and Dr. Apryl Poch

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Outstanding Research Award

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Honorable Mention

Air Pollution in the Steel City: Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Air Quality in Allegheny County

Carissa Lange

Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences || Environmental Science and Management

Faculty Advisor: David Kahler Ph.D

Rangos School of Health Sciences

Rangos School of Health Sciences Award for Graduate Research

Effects of Alpha Stim® on Reported Anxiety Levels in Homeless Patients in an Extended Stay Shelter Clinic

Melody Hahn

Rangos School of Health Sciences || Pre-Medical & Health Professions Post Baccalaureate Program

Faculty Advisor: Paula Sammarone Turocy EdD, LAT, ATC